GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRIVATISATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a firm decision not to privatise the Ordnance factories as reported in the Times of India, New Delhi dated April 8, 2002;

(b) if so, the facts thereof;

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to redress the problems being faced by the Ordnance factory workers;

(d) whether the Government have given any assurance to ordnance factory workers in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): No proposal for privatization of Ordnance Factories is under consideration of the Government.

(c) to (e): An institutionalized system exists in Ordnance Factories for redressal of problems faced by the workers under the Joint Consultative Machinery of the Government. Depending on the dimension and complexity, the problems are discussed at the appropriate forum to resolve the problems through mutual consultations and by Government approvals wherever necessary.